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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. JONATHAN SANDERS**

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today a criminal complaint, charging Jonathan Sanders, age 37, of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, with conspiring with others known and unknown to take and possess trade secret material belonging to Corning Incorporated as it pertained to Corning Incorporated's overflow down draw fusion glass-making process used to produce Thin Filter Transistor (TFT) Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) flat panel glass, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1832(a)(1), (a)(3) and (a)(5) carrying a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. **(Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)).**

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee stated that the complaint charges that beginning in or about December, 1999 and continuing through December, 2001, the defendant conspired with others known and unknown to take, without authorization,

trade secret material belonging to Corning Incorporated and to sell that material so that it came into the possession of PicVue Electronics, Ltd., a Taiwanese corporation. The defendant was an employee of Corning Incorporated and worked out of Corning's Harrodsburg, Kentucky plant.

The defendant had his initial appearance today in front of Hon. James B. Todd, Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. The defendant was represented by Joe Jarrell. The government was represented by Assistant United States Attorney James Zerhusen of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

The criminal complaint was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.